Listing of Claims

Please replace all prior versions of claims with the following listing of claims:

1. (*Currently Amended*)   A method for using extensible markup language to normalize ~~objects that are stored in~~ one or more object repositories, each of the one or more object repositories having one ~~or more~~ of a plurality of object repository types, the method comprising the steps of:

determining, from the plurality of possible object repository types, the one or more object repository types of the one or more object repositories that store at least one object, wherein the object comprises metadata;

identifying the at least one object stored in the one or more ~~of the plurality of~~ object repositories ~~repository types~~;

extracting at least one portion of the at least one object~~,~~ by generating a meta-document representation of ~~wherein~~ the at least one portion, the meta-document representation being generated ~~is extracted~~ in extensible markup language (XML) format;

transmitting the meta-document representation ~~at least one portion~~ to a processor; and

processing the ~~at least one portion~~ meta-document representation on the processor to normalize the one or more object repositories, wherein processing the meta-document representation comprises mapping a field in the meta-document representation with a field designation identifier.

2. (*Original*)   The method of claim 1, wherein some of the metadata is preserved.

3. (*Original*)   The method of claim 2, wherein the metadata that is preserved includes at least one of author, title, subject, date created, date modified, list of modifiers, and link list information.

4. (*Currently Amended*)   The method of claim 1, wherein processing the meta-document representation further comprises one or both of categorization and full-text indexing

~~further comprising the step of:~~

~~mapping at least one field in the at least one object with a field designation identifier~~.

5. (*Original*)   The method of claim 1, wherein the processor comprises at least one of a full-text engine, a metrics engine, and a taxonomy engine.

6. (*Currently Amended*)   A system for using extensible markup language to normalize ~~objects that are stored in~~ one or more object repositories, each of the one or more object repositories having one ~~or more~~ of a plurality of possible object repository types, the system comprising:

a determining module that determines, from the plurality of possible object repository types, the one or more object repository types of the one or more object repositories that store at least one object, wherein the at least one object comprises metadata;

an identifying module that identifies the at least one object stored in the one or more ~~of the plurality of~~ object repositories ~~repository types~~;

an extracting module that extracts at least one portion of the at least one object by generating a meta-document representation of ~~, wherein~~ the at least one portion, the meta-document representation being generated ~~is extracted~~ in extensible markup language (XML) format; and

a transmitting module that transmits the meta-document representation ~~at least one portion~~ to a processor~~; and~~ that processes the meta-document representation to normalize the one or more object repositories ~~at least one portion~~,

wherein processing the meta-document representation comprises mapping a field in the meta-document representation with a field designation identifier.

7. (*Original*)   The system of claim 6, wherein some of the metadata is preserved.

8. (*Original*)   The system of claim 7, wherein the metadata that is preserved includes at least one of author, title, subject, date created, date modified, list of modifiers, and link list information.

9. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim 6, wherein processing the meta-document representation further comprises one or both of categorization and full-text indexing further comprising:

~~a mapping module that maps at least one field in the at least one object with a field designation identifier.~~

10. *(Previously Presented)* The system of claim 6, wherein the processing module comprises at least one of a full-text engine, a metrics engine, and a taxonomy engine.

11. *(Currently Amended)* A system for using extensible markup language to normalize one or more object repositories, each of the one or more object repositories having ~~objects that are stored in~~ one ~~or more~~ of a plurality of possible object repository types, the system comprising:

determining means for determining, from the plurality of possible object repository types, the one or more object repository types of the one or more object repositories that store at least one object, wherein the object comprises metadata;

identifying means for identifying the at least one object stored in the one or more ~~of the plurality of~~ object repositories ~~repository types~~;

extracting means for extracting at least one portion of the at least one object by generating a meta-document representation of, ~~wherein~~ the at least one portion ~~is extracted,~~ the meta-document representation being generated in extensible markup language (XML) format; and

transmitting means for transmitting the meta-document representation ~~at least one portion~~ to a processor that processes the meta-document representation to normalize the one or more object repositories, ~~; and~~

~~processing means for processing the at least one portion~~

wherein processing the meta-document representation comprises mapping a field in the meta-document representation with a field designation identifier.

12. *(Original)* The system of claim 11, wherein some of the metadata is preserved.

13. *(Original)* The system of claim 12, wherein the metadata that is preserved includes at least one of author, title, subject, date created, date modified, list of modifiers, and link list information.

14. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim 11, <u>wherein processing the meta-document representation further comprises one or both of categorization and full-text indexing</u> ~~further comprising:~~

~~mapping means for mapping at least one field in the at least one object with a field designation identifier~~.

15. *(Original)* The system of claim 11, wherein the processing means comprises at least one of a means for full-text indexing the at least one object, means for extracting metrics information from the at least one object, and means for categorizing the at least one object.

16. *(Currently Amended)* A processor readable medium comprising processor readable code for causing a processor to ~~use extensible markup language to~~ normalize <u>one or more object repositories, each of the one or more object repositories having</u> ~~objects that are stored in~~ one ~~or more~~ of a plurality of <u>possible</u> object repository types, the medium comprising:

determining code that causes a processor to determine, from the plurality of <u>possible</u> object repository types, the one or more object repository types <u>of the one or more object repositories</u> that store at least one object, wherein the <u>at least one</u> object comprises metadata;

identifying code that causes a processor to identify the at least one object stored in the one or more ~~of the plurality of~~ object <u>repositories</u> ~~repository types~~;

extracting code that causes a processor to extract at least one portion of the at least one object <u>by generating a meta-document representation of</u>, ~~wherein~~ the at least one portion ~~is extracted,~~ <u>the meta-document representation being generated</u> in extensible markup language (XML) format;

transmitting code that causes a processor to transmit the <u>meta-document representation</u> ~~at least one portion~~ to a processor; and

processing code that causes ~~the~~ a processor to process the <u>meta-document representation</u> <u>to normalize the one or more object repositories,</u> ~~at least one portion~~

<u>wherein processing the meta-document representation comprises mapping a field in the</u> <u>meta-document representation with a field designation identifier.</u>

17. (*Original*)   The medium of claim 16, wherein some of the metadata is preserved.

18. (*Original*)   The medium of claim 17, wherein the metadata that is preserved includes at least one of author, title, subject, date created, date modified, list of modifiers, and link list information.

19. (*Currently Amended*)   The medium of claim 16, <u>wherein processing the meta-</u> <u>document representation further comprises one or both of categorization and full-text indexing</u> ~~further comprising:~~

~~mapping code that causes a processor to map at least one field in the at least one object~~ ~~with a field designation identifier.~~

20. (*Original*)   The medium of claim 16, wherein the processing code comprises at least one of a full-text engine, a metrics engine, and a taxonomy engine.